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SUBJ: 58TH ECOSOC: INVITATION TO PRG TO ICIWY

1. IN ECOSOC PLENARY AFTERNOON MAY 5, SENEGAL (AMB FALL) PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER QUESTION OF INVITING PRG TO ICIWY AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE DECISION. HE STATED THAT SINCE PRG CLEARLY CONTROLS COUNTRY, THEY HAVE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THEREFORE, ECOSOC SHOULD "INVITE SYG TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES" TO INVITE PRG TO ICIWY.

2. US REP IMMEDIATELY RAISED POINT OF ORDER ASKING WHETHER DISCUSSION THIS ITEM APPROPRIATE SINCE QUESTION NOT ON AGENDA. PRESIDENT AKHUND STATED THAT WITHOUT TAKING A DECISION, HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT "IMPOLITIC" THAT MATTER BE DISCUSSED.

3. SENEGAL PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY ALGERIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN, CHINA, BULGARIA, YEMEN, GDR, MALI, MEXICO, ROMANIA AND MONGOLIA. MOST WERE SIMPLE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR SENEGALESE
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PROPOSAL AND/OR FOR PRG. HOWEVER, CHINESE CHARACTERIZATION AS

"VICTORY OVER AMERICAN AGGRESSION" DREW US RIGHT OF
REPLY.

4. PRESIDENT THEN NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT HAD ADVISED HIM
THAT INVITATION HAD BEEN SENT TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
VIETNAM ON BASIS OF ITS STATUS AS STATE MEMBER OF A
SPECIALIZED AGENCY. INVITATION WAS ADDRESSED TO
AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON WHICH AUTHORITIES SUBSEQUENTLY
HAVE CEASED TO EXIST. TAKING NOTE OF ABOVE AND BEARING
IN MIND STATEMENTS OF REPS, HE CONCLUDED THAT GENERAL
FEELING WAS THAT REPS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT BE
INVITED TO ATTEND ICIWY.

5. FOLLOWING ABOVE DECISION, AMB FERGUSON TOOK FLOOR
TO ANNOUNCE OUR REGRET OVER THIS DECISION ON GROUNDS
THAT (A) IT PREMATURE AND PARTAKES OF UN "ROCOGNIZING"
GOVERNMENTS; (B) IT ESSENTIALLY A CREDENTIALS ISSUE
TO BE SETTLED AT CONFERENCE; AND (C) DECISION VIOLATES
CERTAIN EARLIER UNDERSTANDINGS. AMB FERGUSON ALSO
REITERATED POLICY STATEMENT OF SECRETARY THAT WE DO
NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN EXILE OR AT PRESENT
TIME ANY AUTHORITY IN SAIGON.
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